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PHYSICIANS GET AWARDS  
FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

According to a law passed recently by the East German government, teachers who have rendered exemplary service in connection with youth education in the schools will be awarded the title "Distinguished Teacher of the People." Physicians who have distinguished themselves by outstanding performance of duty or by significant scientific achievements in public health will be awarded the title "Distinguished Physician of the People."

THUERINGEN -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 30, 4 Feb 50

Dr Albert Kukowka, born 25 April 1894 in Schrau, Silesia; at present, physician-in-chief, Land Hospital, Greiz. As Thuringen's Commissar of Epidemics, he has devoted himself to the combating of contagious diseases and the reopening of curative baths and spas.

Dr Walter Feiser; born 18 August 1898 in Uhlfedt, Kreis Rudolstadt, where he now practices general medicine. He also functions as district physician and fills various positions in the public-health system.

Prof Dr Jussuf Ibrahim, born 27 May 1878 in Cairo; currently professor of pediatrics, director, children's clinic, University of Jena; and head, children's hospital, Carl Zeiss Foundation, Jena. Has published many important papers in his field.

MECKLENBURG -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 31, 5 Feb 50

Dr Hermann Lessing, surgeon, born 12 February 1885 in Stralsund; currently physician-in-chief, Schwerin Polyclinic. Has worked untiringly for the expansion of the polyclinic, which handles 1,600 outpatients per day and is the largest institution of its kind in Eastern Germany.

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Prof Dr Karl Stolte, born 15 April 1881 in Strasbourg; currently professor of pediatrics and director, children's clinic, University of Rostock.

BRANDENBURG -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 33, 8 Feb 50

Dr Reinhold Schwarzlose, born 28 August 1918 in Berlin; at present director of Tuberculosis section, Brandenburg Public Health Department (Potsdam). Reportedly has an outstanding record as a specialist in tuberculosis and as consulting physician for the Social Insurance Fund. He is responsible for the first rest camp in Land Brandenburg for outpatients suffering from tuberculosis.

Prof Dr Welcker (fnu), born 11 December 1904 in Heringen; currently physician-in-chief at the Cottbus hospital (Brandenburg's largest); prominent as a physician and surgeon. One of the first medical men to work in industrial enterprises and rural dispensaries.

SACHSEN -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 34, 9 Feb 50

Dr Elias Hardrat, born 18 February 1887 in Luessow, near Stralsund; currently public-health doctor in Stralsund, director of Central Bureau of Hygiene, official physician for the Reichsbahn, and general practitioner.

Prof Dr Paul Heilmann, born 14 February 1888; currently director, Pathological Institute, Heinrich Braun Hospital, Zwickau. Many graduates of his institute are now in prominent positions.

Dr Werner Doelter, born 24 September 1896 in Pforzheim; pediatrician, now practicing in Dresden. Chairman, Dresden branch, Scientific Society for Pediatric Medicine at the University of Leipzig.

SACHSEN-ANHALT -- Der Neue Weg, No 13, 14 Feb 50

Frau Dr Giegler (fnu), Halberstadt, Prof Dr Grass (fnu), Magdeburg; Prof Dr Otten (fnu), Magdeburg; Prof Dr Ravensberg (fnu), Wernigerode; and Dr Niessler (fnu) Children's Clinic, University of Halle.

BRANDENBURG CHOOSES NEW MINISTERPRESIDENT -- Wirtschaft im Aufbau, No 24, 15 Dec 49

After 4½ years in office, Land Brandenburg's former Ministerpresident, Dr Steinhoff (fnu), has left to take the post of Minister of the Interior in the German Democratic Republic. His post was taken over temporarily by Falkenberg (fnu), Land Minister of Economics, until the Land parliament met and unanimously elected Rudolf Jahn, Land chairman of the FDGB (Free German League of Trade Unions) as the new Ministerpresident.

Jahn was born 4 November 1906 in Leipzig, the son of a metalworker. After grammar school he learned the carpenter's trade, and spent many years in various European countries as a journeyman. At the age of 15 he joined a trade union and also the Communist Youth Union. In 1929 he had an opportunity to visit the USSR. In 1931 he became Secretary for Agitation and Propaganda for the Communist Party in Land Sachsen.

In 1933 he was arrested and sentenced to prison for activities leading to high treason. From 1939 to 1945 he was in Buchenwald concentration camp. After 1945 Jahn was active in Leipzig in the executive organ of the District (Kreis) Communist Party. In 1946 he became Land secretary of the People's Solidarity in Land Sachsen and later adviser for education and cultural work in the executive organ of the FDGB in Land Sachsen. In August 1948 he became the first chairman of the executive of the FDGB in Land Brandenburg.

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PASSES LAW GOVERNING NATIONAL PRIZE AWARDS -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 67, 70-71; 19, 23 - 24 Mar 50

A law concerning the award of National Prizes has been adopted by the 13th plenary session of the People's Chamber. Under this law the following prizes will be awarded annually:

1. For outstanding scientific achievements, important technical inventions, and introduction of new working and production methods of great economic significance, a total of 30 awards consisting of five first-class prizes of 100,000 Deutsche marks each, 10 second-class prizes of 50,000 Deutsche marks each, and 15 third-class prizes of 25,000 Deutsche marks each.

2. For achievements in the field of art and literature constituting a definite contribution to the cultural development and democratic education of the German people, a total of 18 awards, consisting of three first-class prizes of 100,000 Deutsche marks, six second-class prizes of 50,000 Deutsche marks, and nine third-class prizes of 25,000 Deutsche marks each.

National prizes may be awarded to any German, regardless of his place of residence, as well as to Germans having acquired another nationality as the result of political emigration during the Hitler regime. Awards will be made by the President of the German Democratic Republic in a ceremony to be held on 7 October of each year, beginning with 1951. The date for the 1950 prize awards is still to be determined.

In Mecklenburg, groups in all fields of endeavor were urged to participate in the selection of National Prize candidates for 1950. It was stressed that preference should be given to activists. Among those proposed for the 1950 prizes for cultural contributions were Bert Brecht, Anna Seghers, Dr Willi Bredel, Prof Wagner-Regeny (fnu), Prof Keller (fnu), Prof Dr Rienaecker (fnu), Prof Dr Lemke (fnu), and Prof Horst Strempel.

GET HONORARY CITIZENSHIP RIGHTS -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 51, 1 Mar 50

The city of Zwickau has conferred honorary citizenship rights on the following:

Alfred Baumann, miner, for voluntarily raising his production quota from 4.8 to 5.2 cubic meters in 1949.

Kurt Wolf, worker in the building trade, for adopting and improving the methods of Soviet and Polish building trade activists.

Prof Dr (fnu) Heilmann, for achieving world renown by his numerous scientific contributions.

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